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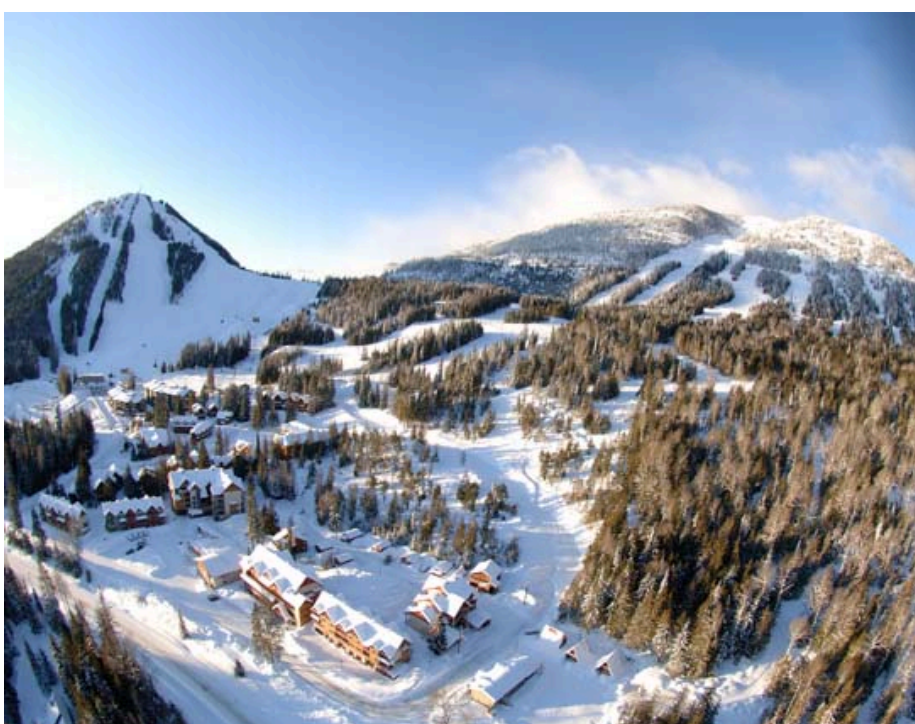
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## RED MOUNTAIN TO EXPAND TERRAIN

Red Mountain Resort in BC, Canada will expand its in-bounds ski terrain for the 2014-2015 season with the addition of nearly 200 acres of gladed tree skiing on Mt. Kirkup, to be accessed by snowcat. With the new terrain Red's inbounds and uphill serviced terrain will reach 2,957 acres (1196 hectares) making it 7th largest in Canada and in the Top 20 of all resorts in North America by size. This new cat skiing operation will act as a shuttle from Grey Mountain to the peak of Mt. Kirkup with seats sold on a first come, first served basis for \$10 a run with the purchase of a lift ticket or season pass.

The terrain expansion has 1,600 feet of vertical drop, previously only accessible by hiking and ski touring. This area will be considered in-bounds terrain and be swept by the RED Mountain Ski Patrol. Mt Kirkup is located just north of Grey Mountain, home to Red's 1,000-acre lift-serviced expansion last season.

## WHITEFISH HAS NEW TRIPLE CHAIRLIFT

Whitefish Mountain Resort has installed a fixed-grip triple chairlift to the north side of the mountain for the 2014/2015 season -- opening up an additional 200 acres of lift-served terrain and four more runs with a spectacular view of the North Fork area in Glacier National Park. The lift will also provide access to a sixth new run yet to be named on the south side of Flower Point.

## BRECKENRIDGE UPGRADES PEAK 8'S COLORADO SUPERCHAIR TO A SIX-PACK

Breckenridge Ski Resort is upgrading the Colorado SuperChair from a quad express to a six-passenger express to provide a 30 percent increase in capacity for Peak 8's primary lift, providing faster routes to surrounding peaks.

## 2013-2014 SKIER DAYS ANNOUNCED

**Colorado Ski Country USA** announced that statewide skier visits totaled an estimated 12.6 million for the 2013/14 ski season, thereby making it the best season on record in the state -- up more than 10 percent from last season.

**Ski Utah** says the 4.1 million day visits during the 2013-2014 season marks a nearly 4-percent increase from the year before. Utah's resorts have bounced back in the last two years after seeing visits hit an eight-year low in 2011-2012. This season's total falls just shy of a high of 4.2 million visits set twice in the past 10 years.

**The Vermont Ski Areas Association** has announced that Vermont's ski resorts recorded 4,503,269 skier and rider visits, just off last year's totals.

## NEW MEXICO'S SIPAPU TO RUN NEIGHBORING PAJARITO

Snowcountry.com reports that Pajarito Mountain, after closing down in mid-season in 2014 has a new life as nearby Sipapu Ski & Summer Resort has agreed to take over operations of the Los Alamos, New Mexico ski hill and hopefully opening Pajarito can be open every day of the season -- not just a Friday-Sunday schedule used last season. After being run for 70 years by the Los Alamos Ski Club, Pajarito has had two bad snow years that, coupled with damage from a 2011 forest fire, forced the ski club to shut down the 750-acre mountain in January 2014. The arrangement includes season passes that will be valid at either mountain for \$299. The pass also includes free lift tickets at 27 other areas from New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah to Alaska.

## BLACKJACK MTN. WILL ACQUIRE INDIANHEAD MTN

Ski Area Management Magazine reports that Blackjack Mountain Resort, in Michigan will acquire the assets of nearby Indianhead Mountain Resort. The proposed transaction is targeted to close prior by the end of July.

## AMERICAN AIRLINES HAS NEW LAX TO VAIL FLIGHTS

American Airlines will now fly between Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Vail/Eagle County Airport (EGE) for the 2014-2015 ski season. Daily non-stop flights between Los Angeles and Vail/Eagle County Airport will operate from Friday, Dec. 19, 2014 through Sunday, April 5, 2015.

## EXTREME TUBING AT LAKE PLACID

The Olympic Jumping Complex in Lake Placid, New York, has decided to offer 'extreme tubing' this summer.

Participants will 'Hop in and hold on' as they rocket down the landing hills of the 20 meter, 48 meter and 90 meter ski jumps, approaching speeds of 50 miles-per-hour. The cost is \$8 per hour on the 20 meter hill, \$12 per hour on the 48 meter hill (both suited for children aged eight or older) or the cost for the 90 meter hill is \$35 per hour for which participants must be at least 13 years old. One person is allowed per tube.

## EUROPE'S MOST EXPENSIVE TICKET GETS MORE EXPENSIVE – BUT DISCOUNTS OFFERED

The cost of a lift pass for the Zermatt International ski area, covering 360 kilometers of piste including those of Cervinia over the Italian border, will rise an average of 3.5% for the first time in four years next winter. A six day adult pass will cost about \$486 Swiss Francs or just over \$80 per day.

Although the adult price may be Europe's highest, child discounts at Zermatt are among Europe's most generous with children aged under 10 free of charge and children aged 10 – 16 paying half price. Passes for the same ski area also cost substantially less when purchased on the Italian side of the border.

## NEW ROTAIR ANNOUNCED FOR ENGELBERG

Engelberg's famous rotating cable car is due to be replaced next winter by a new, better, rotating cable car.

The new Rotair will have more glass and the whole cabin will rotate, not just the floor as in the old one.

## NEW GONDOLA AT CHAMONIX

Chamonix's Grands Montets ski area will have a new 10 passenger gondola replacing two older lifts as part of a 477 million Euro investment program by the Compagnie du Mont Blanc, to be rolled out over 40 years by the company following an agreement signed with Chamonix resort last December.

## SUSPENSION BRIDGE TO LINK TWIN PEAKS AT GSTAAD

The current craze to create structures to terrify acrophobiacs (those with an extreme or irrational fear

of heights) in the Alps shows no sign of abating. Following the creation of the world's highest zipwire above Val Thorens, a glass balcony at Aiguille du Midi in Chamonix, various glass-bottomed high altitude gondolas, an outdoor balcony on the cable car up to the Dachstein glacier and numerous other new high altitude suspension bridges and balconies over massive voids, Switzerland's Gstaad has announced a new 'world first.' The resort's spectacular new "Peak Walk" suspension bridge is currently under construction at Glacier 3000, the area's high altitude ski sector with year round glacier snow cover and skiing from early autumn to later spring.

The 100 meter long suspension bridge will connect two mountain summits, View Point and Scex Rouge.

It is scheduled to open in November 2014.

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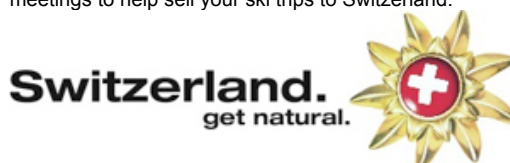
A second new super lift in as many seasons is under construction at Ischgl in the Austrian Tirol.

Work began at the end of June on the new Pardatschgratbahn, a remarkable \$54 million, 28-seater tri-cable gondola system (which combines giant gondola cabins of small cable car size with the continually moving gondola concept). The lift will replace a four passenger lift.



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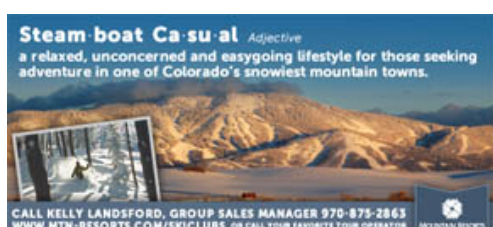
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